(c) the amount allocated for the project (NHDP-IV) since its launching and the amount spent so far; and

(d) the reasons for very slow progress of the programme and the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) Government has, so far, approved 5000 km National Highways length under NHDP-IV A, with target date of completion as December, 2013.

(b) Feasibility Studies for 3200 km length have been initiated. No contract has so far been awarded.

(c) The estimated cost for 5000 km length is Rs.6950 crore (Based on March, 2007 price). Out of which, Government share is Rs.2342 crore. So far, Rs.0.22 crore has been spent for ongoing feasibility report preparation.

(d) The programme is proceeding as per schedule.

Sluggish progress in implementation of highway projects

2859. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways Authority of India has submitted a report to Government on the reasons behind the sluggish progress in implementing the highway project;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of Government on the findings of the report;

(c) whether private investors have expressed difficulty in supporting highway projects due to certain provisions of the model concession agreement, particularly the termination clause;

(d) if so, the response of Government thereto; and

(e) the corrective measures being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Review of progress of implementation of National Highways Development Project (NHDP) by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is an ongoing process. During the process of review, various constraints in implementation are identified and necessary steps are taken for resolution of the issues so as to ensure timely implementation of the project. Modes of delivery, process of pre-qualification, Model Concession Agreement and effect of global slowdown, etc. are some of the issues which have been identified in this regard on the basis of recent review.

(c) to (e) Model Concession Agreement (MCA) lays down the framework for development of highways on Public Private Partnership (PPP) basis. The private investors have pointed out some

difficulties in regard to some provisions of the MCA including the clause dealing with termination of the contract prematurely by the Authority and variability of concession period. It is the endeavour of the Government to address various issues after due consultations with all concerned.

Construction of bypasses on various NHs in Assam

2860. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the list of projects taken up for construction of bypasses on various National Highways in Assam indicating the reasons for delay in commissioning the actual work and the target set for completion;

(b) the progress made "in chronological order" from the date of first proposal till end of May, 2009 on each of such by passes, year-wise;

(c) the total outlays, amount utilized during the Tenth Plan period and proposed for Eleventh Plan;

(d) whether Ministry has evaluated the actual causes of delay and evoloved a mechanism to expedite the execution; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) Guwahati Bypass on NH-37 under National Highways Development Project-I (NHDP-I) has been completed, For other bypasses taken up on various NHs of Assam, their status of completion and reasons for any delay has been mentioned in the statement (see below).

(c) No separate outlays are earmarked for the bypasses.

(d) and (e) Higher Officers of Ministry and National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) take review of the progress of bypasses from time to time and take remedial measures for expediting the progress.

Statement

Construction of bypasses on various NHs in Assam

Sl. No.	Name of bypass	Target date of completion	Reasons for delay
1	2	3	4
A	**NH(O)**		
1	Karimganj	July, 2009	Delay due to Land Acquisition problems.
2	Kathakal	2002 (except for 2 ROBs)	Delay is due to Technical reasons.
B	**East - West Corridor under NHDP-II**		
3	Baihata Chariali	December, 2010	Delay in handing over the land free of encumbrances.